Researching Anthropology, ANG6930, Fall 2013  
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While most anthropology methods courses attempt to teach you how to do research in “the field” (yeah, like it can be taught), this course addresses how to do research in “the library.” The university library is a treasure trove of information and portals to sources of information both on and off campus. But what good is information if you do not know it exists nor how to access it? In this course we will look at how to tap into these resources, how to search for materials, and how to assess the quality of the source. In addition we will look at some software and discuss the uses and the logic of databases to store and retrieve the information you have found, and to help find information “out there.” Finally, with nearly every anthropology student coming back from the field with hundreds, if not thousands of images (film used to be too expensive for this to be an issue), we will look at Adobe’s Lightroom*, which is both a DAM program (digital assets management) and a place to process your digital files (like printing with your negatives in a darkroom). For those of you who use Photoshop for this task, just wait! This course is “sub-discipline free”, that is, although I am a cultural anthropologist, what we will be learning is relevant for all the sub-disciplines in anthropology and related social sciences. At the end of the semester students should be able to more clearly define a research topic, identify key words and concepts that can be searched for, and successfully navigate the databases and other resources available to them here on the UF campus (and off-campus). In addition the student should have an understanding of the thought and architecture of databases. This understanding will aid the student in successfully conducting complex literature searches.  

* Do NOT download the free trial of this program until later in the semester, it is only good for 30-days (the educational price is only $90 if you wish to buy it).  

Textbooks and Required Readings  
There are no textbooks required for this course. Readings will be made available.  

Attendance, Exams, and Grading  
Papers/Writing: There will be 5 short assignments worth 8% each = 40% of final grade and one bibliographic project worth 30% of the final grade.  

Attendance & Participation: Attendance is mandatory. One unexcused absence is allowed. Any other absence must be cleared in advance when possible, or must have a written note after the absence if necessary (signed by a doctor, etc.). Since we only meet once a week, this will be 30% of final grade. Please see the official UF grading policies:  
https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx  

Each unexcused absence will lower your grade one step (i.e. from A to A- to B+, etc.). By participation I expect you will not be surfing the web, will arrive on time, have assignments and
be ready to discuss them and ask questions. Please see the official UF policy on absences: 

Policies on make-up work: All late work must come with a valid excuse, or it will be marked
down according to how late it is (one step lower for each school day it is late, from A to A- to
B+, etc.).

Academic Honesty: All work must be done by the student. Violations will lead to the
Department’s and the University’s procedures for dealing with academic dishonesty. All students
are expected to honor their commitment to the University’s Honor Code and the student conduct
code.

Accommodation for Students with Disabilities:
Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students
Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then
provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation. Please make any
requests by the second week of class.

UF Counseling Services
Resources are available on-campus for students having personal problems or lacking clear career
and academic goals that interfere with their academic performance. These resources include:

1. University Counseling and Wellness Center, 3190 Radio Road, 392-1575, personal and
career counseling
2. Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS), Student Health Care Center, 392-1161,
sexual counseling
3. Career Resource Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601, career development assistance and
counseling
4. Reading & Writing Center, Broward Hall, 392-0791, writing assistance, study skills, test
preparation

Online Course Evaluation
“Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course based on
10 criteria. These evaluations are conducted online at https://evaluations.ufl.edu. Evaluations are
typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given
specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to
students at https://evaluations.ufl.edu.”
August:

8/21 Week 1:

Introductory remarks. View portions of Luis Buñuel’s *Las Hurdes*.

2 assignments:

1) Find three reviews of the film. One should contradict the other(s). Note the search steps you took and where you finally found the reference (the database or search engine). Use Google to find one of the reviews. No Wikipedia, no YouTube, no IMDB.

2) Write a 3-5 sentence abstract of a research project to concentrate on in this class. It could be one for another class, for your thesis, or make one up!

E-mail me written copies of both assignments (can be all on same page) by Monday morning, 9am.

8/28 week 2:

Discuss Assignments. What is a reliable source? What is truth?

Basic research resources, anthropology libguide, library’s homepage, basic strategies.

** Assignment – Answer the question below. Save the string of steps you took to get the answer, what was your final source?* Put these in a word document with a few lines about your observations on your search. E-mail answers to me by Monday 9am.

1) What was Franz Boas’ dissertation on, in what discipline, from what university?

2) Rework abstract.

* You may actually have to go to the stacks and get a book(!).

September:

9/4 week3:

More on the libguide and strategies. Refworks.

** Assignment - Search on three different databases/search engines (within the library’s resources). Note your search terms, which database, and the first 10 references on each search. Put them in a Word Doc (copy & paste, or screen shot), summarize your results, and e-mail them to me by Monday 9am.

Topic: How and why do youths engage in political activism? What youths participate?

Rework Abstract
9/11 week 4:

Finish up on strategy discussion. Databases – Refworks/Endnote Keywords/Controlled vocabulary

Assignment: ** Create a 10 citation database in refworks. Hand in a bibliography of these references. At least three books, three journal articles, and 2-3 “other” (i.e. newspaper article, DVD, website). All must share at least one keyword, 2-3 keywords should be shared by several, but not all, the references. Due in class next Wednesday.

9/18 week 5:

Visit to the Latin American Collections, hosted by Paul Losch

(note assignment due week 9, maybe get it started0.

9/25 week 6:

Digital Collections: Visit by Dr. Laurie Taylor

** October:

10/2 week 7:

Visit to the Map & Imagery Library, hosted by Carol McAuliffe

10/9 week 8:

Visit to Special Collections: archives/manuscripts, hosted by University Archivist Flo Turcotte

10/16 week 9:

Government documents: hosted by Chelsea Dinsmore

** Assignment: Have 10 sources for you bibliography, show search terms used and where you found them. E-mail to me by Monday 9am.

10/23 week 10:

Review assignments/general review/discussion
10/30 week 11:
Follow-up visit to Special Collections – Archives or TBA

November:
11/6 week 12:
Lightroom/Photoshop/Bridge

11/13 week 13:
Lightroom/Photoshop/Bridge

11/20: AAA Meetings, no class. See you in Chicago!
11/27 week 14: Thanksgiving – No Class

December:
12/4 week 15  (last class)
Lightroom/Photoshop/Bridge
** Final Bibliography due.
(3pm Anthro Holiday Party!)

12/11 Exams
Library of Congress Subject Headings and Call Numbers

http://people.wcsu.edu/reitzj/res/lcclass.html#H

### H - Social Sciences
- **H** - Social Sciences (General)
- **HA** - Statistics
- **HB** - Economic Theory
- **HC** - Economic History and Conditions
- **HD** - Land, Agriculture, Industry
- **HE** - Transportation and Communication
- **HF** - Commerce
- **HG** - Finance
- **HJ** - Public Finance
- **HM** - Sociology
- **HN** - Social History
- **HQ** - Social Groups, Family, Marriage, Women
- **HS** - Societies and Clubs
- **HT** - Communities, Cities, Classes, Races
- **HV** - Social Pathology, Criminology, Welfare, Social Services
- **HX** - Communism, Socialism, Anarchism, Utopias

### G Geography/Anthropology/Recreation
- G-GF Geography
- GN Anthropology

### GN - Anthropology

#### GN1-890 Anthropology
- **49-298 Physical Anthropology**
  - 51-59 Anthropometry
  - 62.8-263 Human Variation
  - 269-279 Race (General)
  - 280.7 Man as an Animal, Simian Traits Versus Human Traits
  - 281-289 Human Evolution
  - 282-286.7 Fossil Man, Human Paleontology
  - 296 Medical Anthropology
- **301-673 Cultural Anthropology, Ethnology**
  - 357-367 Culture and Cultural Processes
  - 378-395 Collected Ethnographies
  - 397-397.5 Applied Anthropology
- **406-517 Cultural Traits, Customs, and Institutions**
  - 406-442 Technology, Material Culture
448-450.7 Economic Organization, Economic Anthropology
451-477.7 Intellectual Life
478-491.7 Social Organization
492-495 Political Organization, Political Anthropology
495.4-498 Societal Groups, Ethnocentrism, Diplomacy, Warfare, etc.
502-517 Psychological Anthropology
537-673 Ethnic Groups and Races
550-673 By Region or Country
700-890 Prehistoric Archaeology

**GR - Folklore**

**GR1-950 Folklore**
72-79 Folk Literature (General, including folktales, legends)
81 Folk Beliefs, Superstitions
100-390 By Region or Country

**420-950 By Subject**
430-487 Folklore Relating to Private Life
500-615 Supernatural Beings, Demonology, Fairies, Ghosts, Charms, etc.
620-635 Cosmic Phenomena
650-690 Geographical Topics
700-860 Animals, Plants, and Minerals
865-874 Transportation, Travel, Commerce, etc.
880 Medicine, Folk Medicine
890-910 Occupations
931-940 Signs and Symbols

**G - Geography, Anthropology**

**G - Geography (General)**
**GA** - Mathematical Geography, Cartography
**GB** - Physical Geography
**GC** - Oceanography
**GE** - Environmental Sciences
**GF** - Human Ecology
**GN** - Anthropology, Ethnology, Ethnography
**GR** - Folklore
**GT** - Manners and Customs
**GV** - Sports and Recreation